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NEGOTIATING PROGRAM, MARCH 29, 1977

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1. SUMMARY: NIGERIAN REP ADDRESSED COMPREHENSIVE
NEGOTIATING PROGRAM ISSUE DURING INFORMAL MEETING OF CCD
ON MARCH 29, CALLING IT THE THIRD URGENT TASK OF CCD
AFTER COMPREHENSIVE NUCLEAR TEST BAN AND PROHIBITION OF
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CHEMICAL WEAPONS. END SUMMARY

2. IMMEDIATELY FOLLOWING PLENARY ON MARCH 29, CCD HELD
INFORMAL MEETING ON COMPREHENSIVE NEGOTIATING PROGRAM (CNP)
WITH US REP (MEYERS) REMAINING IN CHAIR. PURPOSE OF
INFORMAL MEETING WAS TO GIVE NIGERIAN REP (CLARK), WHO
WAS ABSENT DURING INITIAL CCD DISCUSSIONS ON CNP, OPPORTUNITY

TO SPEAK ON ISSUE UNDER INFORMAL AGENDA RUBRIC.

3. NIGERIAN REP INDICATED THAT HE WAS ENCOURAGED BY CCD'S INTEREST IN CNP AND BELIEVED THE TIME IS REIP TO ACTUALLY FORMULATE CNP DEALING WITH CESSATION OF ARMS RACE AND GENERAL AND COMPLETE DISARMAMENT UNDER EFFECTIVE INTERNATIONAL CONTROL. HE SAID THAT THERE ARE THREE URGENT TASKS FACING CCD, AND LISTED THEM IN ORDER OF PRIORITY:

- A. COMPREHENSIVE NUCLEAR TEST BAN;
- B. BAN ON CHEMICAL WEAPONS;
- C. ADOPTION OF CNP.

4. NIGERIAN REP SAID THAT HE SAW CNP AS "PLAN OF ACTION WITH SPECIFIC DETAILS OF GOALS, PRINCIPLES, OBJECTIVES AND PURPOSES, PRIORITIES, SCHEDULES, MEASURES AND SO ON THAT WILL FACILITATE OUR WORK." HE NOTED THAT CCD HAS NOT YET ADOPTED CNP IN SPITE OF UN DISARMAMENT DECADE RES 2602E (XXIV), CCD DECISION (CCD/PV 726), AND UN RES 31/68. HE SUGGESTED ADDITIONAL REASON WHY CCD SHOULD ADOPT CNP WAS ROLE CCD SHOULD PLAY IN PREPARING FOR THE UN SPECIAL SESSION ON DISARMAMENT, AND SUBSEQUENTLY FOR THE WORLD DISARMAMENT CONFERENCE. AMONG THE DOCUMENTS HE CITED AS RELEVANT WERE NETHERLANDS PROPOSAL (CCD/276); ITALIAN PROPOSAL (CCD/309); CNP SUBMITTED BY MEXICO, SWEDEN, AND YUGOSLAVIA AT TWENTY-FIFTH UNGA (DOC.A/8191; AND ROMANIAN WORKING PAPER SUBMITTED AT THIRTIETH UNGA. HE SAID THAT CCD SHOULD IDENTIFY COMMON ELEMENTS IN THE VARIOUS PAPERS TO ENABLE DEVELOPMENT OF SINGLE DOCUMENT.

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5. NIGERIAN REP IDENTIFIED FOLLOWING CNP PRINCIPLES WHICH HE SAID WOULD NOT DETRACT FROM MCCLOY-ZORIN PRINCIPLES OF 1961:

- A. SOVEREIGN EQUALITY, INDEPENDENCE AND SECURITY OF ALL STATES;
- B. THE RECOGNITION OF THE INTEREST OF ALL STATES IN DISARMAMENT AND ARMS CONTROL NEGOTIATIONS;
- C. ALL AGREEMENTS SUBMITTED BY CCD TO UNGA FOR APPROVAL MUST BE PRODUCTS OF EFFECTIVE NEGOTIATIONS;
- D. DEMOCRATIC METHODS IN THE CONDUCT OF AFFAIRS;
- E. THE INTER-RELATIONSHIP BETWEEN DISARMAMENT AND DEVELOPMENT.

6. NIGERIAN REP SAID THAT THE DISARMAMENT GOALS AND PRIORITIES DETERMINED BY UN AND WHICH FORM BASIS FOR CCD PROVISIONAL AGENDA ADOPTED IN 1968 ARE "THE ONLY ONES WE HAVE IN MIND." HE REFERRED TO EARLIER DISCUSSIONS ON CNP AND CALLED FOR ESTABLISHMENT OF SMALL WORKING GROUP OR AD HOC COMMITTEE TO UNDERTAKE DRAFTING, WHICH HE SAID SHOULD NOT HAVE ANY

EFFECT ON OTHER PRIORITY ISSUES.

7. AFTER STATEMENT BY NIGERIAN REP THERE WAS A BRIEF
DISCUSSION REGARDING FURTHER CONSIDERATION OF CNP
ISSUE IN WHICH ROMANIAN, NIGERIAN, MEXICAN AND ITALIAN
REPS ALL MADE COMMENTS. CHAIRMAN OF THE DAY SAID THAT
QUESTION OF ADDITIONAL MEETINGS ON CNP WAS OPEN AND THAT
CCD COULD DECIDE TO HOLD SUCH MEETINGS WHENEVER THEY
WOULD FIT INTO SCHEDULE, HAVING IN MIND THAT OTHER
DELS MIGHT WISH TO SUGGEST OTHER SUBJECTS FOR DISCUSSION.
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